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SUBJ: CYPRIOT PRESS REACTION TO UNGA VOTE

1. GREEK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPER REACTION TO UNGA ADOPTION OF NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS IS ONE OF MILD JUBILATION. PICKING UP FROM REPORTED STATEMENT OF GOC FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES IN US, PAPERS DESCRIBE VOTE AS "MORAL VICTORY" FOR GREEK CYPRUS. PRO-MKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS SAYS ADOPTION DOES NOT MEAN THAT ALL PROBLEMS ARE OVER, BUT THAT GREEK CYPRUS NOW HAS ANOTHER WEAPON IN BATTLE. PHILELEFTHEROS OBLIQUELY CIRTICIZES ARABS AS FAIR WEATHER FRIENDS.. PRO-CLERIDES AGHON CHARACTERIZES ENTIRE UNGA DEBATE AS "CONDEMNATION" OF TURKEY WHOSE CLAIM THAT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON FRAMEWORK OF SOLUTION HAD BEEN REACHED AT VIENNA TALKS CLEARLY HAD NOT BEEN BELIEVED.

2. ALTHOUGH ALL NEWSPAPERS POINT OUT THAT US ABSTAINED ON RESOLUTION, ONLY TWO EDITORIALIZE ON OUR VOTE. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI CARRIES VITRIOLIC ATTACK ON US. PAPER SAYS "JUSTICE AND MORAL VALUES MEAN NOTHING TO AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS," CHARGES THAT US WAS AGAINST APPEARANCE OF DENKTASH AT UNGA ONLY BECAUSE WE AFRAID THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN
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NEGROES WOULD THEN ASK TO ADDRESS UN ON "OPPRESSIVE

POLICY OF AMERICAN IMPERIALIST CIRCLES." RADICAL
INDEPENDENT AHAGENNISIS EDITORIALIZES SARDONICALLY THAT US
ABSTENTION GIVES "PEOPLE OF CYPRUS ONCE MORE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO ASCERTAIN (US'S) CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE".

3. OTHER PAPERS SEEM TO HAVE TAKEN THEIR LEAD FROM
GOC PIO ANALYSIS GIVEN NOVEMBER 21 (FBIS NC212250Y) ANALYSIS SAYS
THIRD PARAGRAPH OF RESOLUTION CALLING FOR TROOP WITHDRAWAL
"WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY" IMPLIES THAT THERE HAS IN FACT
BEEN DELAY AND IS RESOLUTION'S STRONGEST PARAGRAPH. ANALYSIS
PRAISES RESOLUTION FOR REAFFIRMING RESOLUTION 3212 AND
CALLING FOR "VOLUNTARY" RETURN REFUGEES, SAYING THIS
IMPLIES THAT THOSE WHO REMAIN SHOULD HAVE THEIR SECURITY SAFEGUARDED.
AND RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR LOST PROPERTY. PIO RELEASE SAYS
GREEK CYPRIOT CONCERN OVER
TURKISH ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE DEMOGRAPHIC STURCTURE OF CYPRUS
IS SHARED BY UNGA, WHICH ALSO ADOPTED GREEK CYPRIOT VIEW
THAT FUTURE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS SHOULD BE "MEANINGFUL AND
CONSTRUCTIVE". FINALLY, ANALYSIS PRAISES RETENTION OF CYPRUS
PROBLEM WITHIN UN, FRAMEWORK.

4. MENTIONING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH DENKTASH,
PHILELEFTHEROS COMMENTS ON REPORTS THAT SECRETARY URGED TURKISH
SIDE BE MORE CONCILIATORY ON CYPRUS PROBLEM. PAPER STATES
THAT MERE WORDS MEAN NOTHING TO TURKS AND IF US WANTS
PROGRESS ON CYPRUS "IT KNOWS HOW TO MOVE."

5. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS ROUNDLY CONDEMNS UNGA ACTION,
CLAIMS THAT IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE, AND FEATURES
DENKTASH STATEMENT TO NEW YORK TIMES IN WHICH HE
REPORTEDLY SAID ASSEMBLY DECISION WOULD NOT BE BINDING,
COMMUNITY WAS "COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT" IN TAKING ANY
FUTURE DECISIONS, AND WULD NOT BE LEFT STATELESS OR
WITHOUT A COUNTRY. US VOTE ON RESOLUTION WAS NOT MENTIONED.
PRO-DENKTASH, PRO-UDI ZAMAN HEADLINES: : WE SHALL NOT
LEAVE OUR COMMUNITY STATELESS." INDEPENDENT BOZKURT
SAYS: : "OUR FUTURE DECISIONS SHOULD NOT COME AS A
SURPRISE TO THE UN." OPPOSITION HALKIN SESI BLUSTERS:
"DECISION HS NOT COME AS A SURPRISE. NO FURTHER
POSSIBILITY OF TALKS. UN PEACE FORCE ON ITS WAY OUT."
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FURTHER GRUMBLING ABOUT UDI ALSO REFLECTED IN STATEMENT
OF "TFSC" VICE PRESIDENT AND DEFENSE MINISTER OREK CARRIED
ON BAYRAK RADIO THAT QUESTION OF UDI MATTER WOULD BE TAKEN UP AFTER
DENKTASH'S RETURN.
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